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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADB TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR RESEARCH ON
TRADITIONAL SOCIO-CULTURAL SYSTEMS AND MODERN ECONOMICS GROWTH IN
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

1. SUMMARY: ADB IS PROPOSING \$50,000 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA)
FROM BANK'S TA BUDGET TO FINANCE PHASE 1 OF RESEARCH ON TRADI-
TIONAL SOCIO-CULTURAL SYSTEMS AND MODERN ECONOMIC GROWTH IN
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC. THE STUDY WOULD
BE DONE IN TWO PHASES: (I) PREPARATORY AND (II) RESEARCH AND
EVALUATION. THE PROPOSED TA WOULD COVER THE PREPARATORY PHSE
WHICH IS COMPRISED OF THREE PARTS: (1) PREPARATION AND
BIBLIOGRAPHY, (2) DATE RESOURCES SURVEY, AND (3) PREPARATION OF
CONCEPTUAL PAPER AND RESEARCH PROPOSAL. BANK BELIEVES THAT
MORE ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN
INDIGENOUS SOCIO-ECONOMIC SYSTEMS ON THE ONE HAND, AND MODERN
TECHNOLOGY ON THE OTHER. IN ITS EFFORTS TO TAKE THESE FACTORS
INTO ACCOUNT IN ITS LOAN AND TA OPERATIONS, THE BANK HAS
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FELT CONSTRAINED BY LACK OF INFORMATION. IT IS EXPECTED
THAT THE PROPOSED TA WOULD BE FIRST STEP IN BANK'S
EFFORT TO MORE FULLY INTEGRATE SOCIO-CULTURAL FACTORS
WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY. USADB BELIEVES THAT THE PROPOSED
STUDY WOULD BE VERY USEFUL AND RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE NAC
ACTION. END SUMMARY.

2. IN AUGUST 1977, THE BANK, DESIRING TO OPTIMIZE THE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT OF ITS ASSISTANCE, INVITED TWO WELL-KNOWN ECONOMISTS, PROFESSORS KAZUSHI OHKAWA, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND TRAINING, INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, JAPAN, AND HENRY ROSOVSKY, DEAN, FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, TO EXAMINE AND SUGGEST WAYS IN WHICH BANK COULD, IN A PRACTICAL FASHION, INTEGRATE EXISTING CULTURAL PATTERNS AND MODERN TECHNOLOGY IN ITS LOAN AND TA OPERATIONS. THEIR DRAFT PAPER (APPENDIX 1 OF ADB DOC. R14-78) IS THE BASIS FOR THE BANK'S TA.

3. SINCE PROPOSED STUDY IS, ACCORDING TO BANK, PIONEERING IN NATURE, IT WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO PHASES: (I) PREPARATORY AND (II) RESEARCH AND EVALUATION. THE PROPOSED TA IS TO COVER THE FIRST PHASE WHICH IS COMPOSED OF THREE COMPONENTS: (1) PREPARATION OF BIBLIOGRAPHY, WHICH WOULD CONSIST OF A SEARCH OF THE AVAILABLE LITERATURE TO PROVIDE AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON THE SUBJECT, INDICATING THE AREAS AND THE EXTENT OF RESEARCH THAT HAS SO FAR BEEN CARRIED OUT. THE STRUCTURE OF THIS ACTIVITY WILL CONSIST OF THREE STUDY AREAS, NAMELY, MACRO-SECTORAL FRAMEWORK, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIO-CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMPONENT WOULD BE TO IDENTIFY AVAILABLE DATA, ANALYSES AND OTHER STUDIES OF THE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN ECONOMIC GROWTH FACTORS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOCIO-CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PRACTICES AND ADOPTION OF TECHNOLOGY. (2) DATA RESOURCES SURVEY, WHICH WILL INDICATE THE STUDY AREAS FOR WHICH THERE ARE ADEQUATE DATA AND INFORMATION; THE STUDY AREAS IN WHICH FIELD RESEARCH WILL BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO GENERATE SUITABLE DATA; AND ANALYTICAL TOOLS AND METHODOLOGY OF FIELD INVESTIGATIONS THAT WOULD BE MOST SUITABLE. (3) PREPARATION OF CONCEPTUAL PAPER AND RESEARCH PROPOSAL, WHICH WILL DEFINE IN ADEQUATELY EXPLICIT TERMS THE KEY STRUCTURAL CONCEPTS TO BE USED IN THE STUDY: FOR INSTANCE, EQUITY, EMPLOYMENT, EFFICIENCY, GROWTH OF THE TRADITIONAL SECTOR, THE SERVICE SECTOR, THE MODERN SECTOR, THE HYBRID SECTORS, LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES, MANUALLY SKILLED LABOR, AND COTTAGE INDUSTRIES. ON THE BASIS OF THESE CONCEPTS, A DETAILED RESEARCH PROPOSAL WILL BE PREPARED. IF FIRST PHASE YIELDS PROMISING RESULTS, RESEARCH WILL BE CONDUCTED INTO HOW FAR TRADITIONAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS AND MODERN GROWTH

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PROCESSES ARE POTENTIALLY COMPATIBLE AND MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE; AND HOW FAR THEIR INTERPLAY CAN BE IMPROVED UPON. THE PROPOSAL WILL INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, THE OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF THE STUDY, THE COUNTRIES TO BE COVERED, THE HYPOTHESES TO BE TESTED, AND THE ESTIMATED COST AND SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION OF THE STUDY.

4. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THE PREPARATION AND BIBLIOGRAPHY COMPONENT AND DATA RESOURCES SURVEY COMPONENT, THE BANK BELIEVES IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO HIRE FOUR TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED PEOPLE TO CONDUCT THE NECESSARY INVESTIGATIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INSTITUTIONS. THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE TEAM LEADER, WHO, IN CONSULTATION WITH BANK STAFF, WILL FORMULATE A CONCEPTUAL PAPER WHICH WILL DEFINE THE KEY CONCEPTS AS WELL AS THE SCOPE OF DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE NEXT STAGES OF THE STUDY. STUDY EXPECTED TO REQUIRE SIX MONTHS.

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5. COMMENT: USADB STRONGLY SUPPORTS PROPOSED STUDY AND RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE NAC ACTION. WHILE THE ADB'S DOCUMENT HAS NOT EXPRESSLY USED THE PHRASE OF LIGHT CAPITAL

OR APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE PROPOSED STUDY WILL BE FOCUSED ON HOW TO ADOPT MODERN TECHNOLOGY TO LABOR INTENSIVE ECONOMICS.

6. ORDINARILY, ADB PRESIDENT HAS AUTHORITY TO APPROVE TA GRANTS UP TO \$100,000. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF SIGNIFICANCE AND REGIONAL NATURE OF STUDY AND SINCE PROPOSED \$50,000 TA ONLY COVERS FIRST PHASE, PRESENT PROPOSAL IS BEING SUBMITTED TO BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION. ADB DOC. R14-78 ON ABOVE SUBJECT WAS POUCHED 21 FEBRUARY AND WILL BE CONSIDERED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON 16 MARCH.

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